THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF CIVIL AVIATION (SHRI PRAFUL PATEL): (a) to (c) The issue of an Initial Public Offerings for Air India and Indian Airlines is at a preliminary stage of discussion.

Screening of pornographic films at IGI Airport, Delhi

2167. SHRI S.S. AHLUWALIA:
SHRI TARIQ ANWAR:

Will the Minister of CIVIL AVIATION be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that pornographic films have been screened at IGI Airport, New Delhi; and

(b) if so, the details thereof including the names of persons arrested in this regard?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF CIVIL AVIATION (SHRI PRAFUL PATEL): (a) and (b) It was informed to the office of the Airport Manager on 7.1.2005 that an obscene film was being shown in one of the entertainment TVs in the arrival visitor's lounge at Terminal-II. On verification, it was found that one of the news channels had been changed at source to "Trinity Channel" which was showing the obscene film. The TV was immediately switched off and the matter was taken up with the Cable Operator and F.I.R. has also been lodged at Terminal-II Police Station. No arrests have been made so far.

Pending Air Service Agreement

2168. SHRI S.P.M. SYED KHAN: Will the Minister of CIVIL AVIATION be pleased to state:

(a) names of the countries with who Bilateral Air Services Agreement entered into by Government during the last three year;

(b) the utilization of seats by the Indian and foreign carriers under these agreements during the last years;

(c) whether any proposal pertaining to the signing of the Bilateral Air Services Agreements is presently under the consideration of Government; and

(d) if so, the details thereof?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF CIVIL AVIATION (SHRI PRAFUL PATEL): (a) New/revised bilateral Air Service Agreements were initialled with Brazil, Tunisia, Australia and USA during the last three years.

(b) The utilization of seats by Indian and foreign carriers under these agreements is as follows:—

Country	Indian utilization	Foreign utilization
Brazil	Nil	Nil
Tunisia	Nil	Nil
Australia	Nil	1350 seats/week
USA	10,575 seats/week	6678 seats/week

(c) and (d) Signing of new/revised bilateral Air Service Agreements is a continuous process and is decided through due consultations between the two Governments.

Airlines' tie-up with foreign airlines

2169. SHRI PENUMALLI MADHU: Will the Minister of CIVIL AVIATION be pleased to state:

(a) whether the private sector airlines in India have developed ties with foreign airlines;

(b) if so, the details thereof;

(c) whether the National Carriers like Air India and Indian Airlines are losing the revenue due to the ties with the foreign airlines; and

(d) if so, the loss of such revenue due to the tie-up with foreign airlines during the last three years?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF CIVIL AVIATION (SHRI PRAFUL PATEL): (a) and (b) Some private sector airlines in India have entered into interline agreement and frequent flier agreement to promote their network on the tickets of the foreign carriers. This is an established commercial practice adopted by most airlines to promote their network.